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In re the application of:

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INTEGRATED HANDLE

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action that was mailed on April 23, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period of 3 months for reply thereto.

The aforesaid Office Action was not made final.

Reconsideration of this application based on the following remarks and amendments is respectfully requested.

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In paragraph 7, the Examiner issued a requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for further prosecution on the merits of this application, and set forth a finding that the invention claims patentably distinct species of the invention, namely the invention of Figs. 1 – 8, and the invention of Figs. 9 – 16. In response to this requirement, Applicant hereby elects to continue with prosecution of the invention depicted in Figs. 9 – 16. Of the pending claims, claims 11 – 16, 20 and 21 are believed to be supported by drawing Figs. 9 – 16, and claims 4 – 9 and 18 are believed to be supported by drawing Figs. 1 – 8. Based on this election, Applicant is withdrawing the aforesaid claims 4 – 9 and 18.

Paragraph 1 of the Office Action contained a requirement for the illustration of elements "S", "L", and "ML" in the drawing figures. This objection is not understood as to the invention of Figs. 1 – 9 (to the extent that this objection is still applicable thereto in view of the withdrawal of claims 4 - 9 and 18, which are based thereon, as stated above), because a corrected version of Fig. 8 illustrating the dimensions in question was included with the Reply that was filed in this application on or about July 8, 2002. In any case, Applicant is enclosing a copy of Fig. 16 of the drawing in which the dimensions in question are illustrated in red on an original copy of Fig. 16.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that all proper objections to the drawing figures in this application that were set forth in the Office Action have

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now been overcome, and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.